

PATENT  
Customer No. 22,852  
Attorney Docket No. 7552.0031-00

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: PCT/IB02/05571      )  
Francesco PAOLINI et al.                  ) Group Art Unit: Unassigned  
Application No.: Unassigned                ) Examiner: Unassigned  
Filed: June 28, 2004                        )  
For: CONTROL EQUIPMENT AND                ) Confirmation No.: \_\_\_\_\_  
METHOD FOR AN  
EXTRACORPOREAL BLOOD  
CIRCUIT

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Prior to the examination of the above application, please amend this application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 2 of this Amendment.

**Remarks** begin on page 6 of this Amendment.